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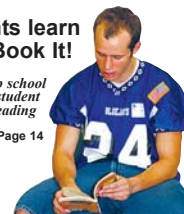
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Around The Army

Pentagon:

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) — Francis J. Harvey was confirmed by the Senate Nov. 16 as the 19th Secretary of the Army.

Harvey was nominated by President George W. Bush Sept. 15. He is currently the vice chairman and director of Duratek, Inc., and has a doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania.

Korea:

The Indianhead reported Oct. 28 that Warrior Radio officially inaugurated broadcast services with a ceremony Oct. 13 from a new facility on Camp Casey.

This American Forces Network detachment is actually returning to Camp Casey.

The unit had provided radio entertainment and information from a Camp Casey Quonset hut from the close of the Korean War until 1997.

For more on this story and other 2nd Infantry Division news, visit www-2nd.korea.army.mil on the Web.

Fort Knox:

The Turret reported Nov. 11 that Hardin County residents, including Fort Knox residents, were being asked to help determine the future of public transportation in the area.

Residents can fill out surveys to determine whether there is a need for bus or van service and who might pay for them.

The surveys are part of a comprehensive transportation study by the Radcliff-Elizabeth Metropolitan Planning Organization.

In addition to the surveys, the study will include a look at communities with similar populations that already have public transportation and a public meeting.

For more about this story and other Fort Knox news, visit www.thenewstribune.com/turret/ on the Web.

Hanau:

The Herald Union reported Nov. 9 that a late night fire Oct. 24 wiped out 77 years worth of personal history for a retired Army veteran living in Hanau's Grossaueheim.

The fire, allegedly caused by a short in a heating pad, destroyed Jose Diaz's house, his belongings, clothing, photo albums, recognition for a distinguished career both in the military and afterwards, and important documents.

"All that I could save was my wallet, a T-shirt, robe, a pair of socks and my house slippers," said Diaz.

For more on this story and other Hanau, visit www.104thang.hanau.army.mil/hanau on the Web.

Leavenworth:

The Lamp reported Nov. 10 that 21 students from the Stillwell (Kan.) Elementary School visited Fort Leavenworth for the "Great Cookie Giveaway."

The event was part of DoubleTree Hotels' nationwide program called Teaching Kids to Care.

For more about this story and other Fort Leavenworth news, visit www.fileavenworth-lamp.com/ on the Web.

AAFES offers support ideas

Public allowed to buy gifts for Soldiers

By Diane Weed

AAFES

DALLAS — With the holidays quickly approaching, many Americans are searching for ways to reach out to troops stationed overseas.

Anticipating a rush of mail from well-wishers, the Department of Defense has announced that, "Due to security concerns and transportation constraints, the DoD no longer accepts items to be mailed to 'Any Service Member.'"

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Those wishing to send support to troops overseas have another option.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service's "Gifts from the Homefront" and "Help Our Troops Call Home" programs allow anyone to make a direct contribution towards the morale of deployed troops without compromising security or increasing the strain on the military mail system.

DOD reports that some people have tried to avoid this prohibition by sending large numbers of packages to an individual service member's overseas address.

Doing that clogs the mail sys-

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Vets honored



Second Lt. Lance Sheldon carries a small U.S. flag while walking with his daughter, Kristina Wallace, a fourth-grader at Amanda Arnold Elementary School in Manhattan, during the annual Veterans Day parade in Manhattan Nov. 11.

Crowds line street, cheer vets, troops

By April Blackmon

Staff writer

Hundreds of people braved the brisk November temperatures and lined Manhattan's Poyntz Avenue to show their support for veterans during the annual Veterans Day parade Nov. 11.

More than 80 entries trickled down the avenue from City Park to the Manhattan Town Center.

Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commander, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, served as the parade's grand marshal. Command Sgt. Maj. Gilbert Canuela, command sergeant major for 24th Inf. Div. (Mech), marched in the parade as well.

Numerous other Fort Riley organizations and individuals participated in the parade, including a four-man color guard, Custer Hill and Fort Riley Elementary Schools, the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard, the post Soldier and NCO of the Year and representatives of the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 924th Military Police Battalion, 1st Maintenance Company and the 774th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company.

"I was honored to march in the parade, to represent my unit and Soldiers," said Capt. Kathleen Trant of the 1st Maint. Co., 541st Maint. Bn. "I was grateful for the people who braved the weather to cheer along the route. I was happy that my husband and son and father were there, but wished that they could be publicly honored too, because the families are really the ones who have to keep it all together while the Soldiers are away."

Reserve Soldiers of the 89th Regional Readiness Command, 450th Transportation Battalion, in Manhattan, marched in the parade as well. The unit returned in

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NTC 'Op Force' to join 3rd BCT

Fort Irwin unit will partner with Fort Riley brigade for deployment

By Christopher Selmek

19th PAD

Many Fort Riley units are getting ready to deploy with the 3rd Brigade Combat Team sometime next year, but some units will be coming from other posts.

The 1st Battalion, 11th

Infantry, at Fort Irwin, Calif., is traditionally a non-deployable unit that has seen its share of the desert. The unit's role is to play the opposition force for exercises at the National Training Center.

The Iraq deployment orders came as a surprise to many line Soldiers in the unit.

"Fort Irwin never used to be a deployable base," said Pfc. Nicholas Roberg, "but now we're deploying. Our noncommissioned officers and officers have been taking the training a lot more seriously because this is what we'll be doing."

The current mission is the

unit's first NTC rotation in recent memory where it will receive training rather than provide it, giving them an opportunity to witness first-hand the way things have changed.

"When I first got here, training was mainly tank on tank," said Spc. Ricardo Ortega. "Now they

have Bradley crews performing urban operations and other, smaller exercises that are more likely to really happen."

"They're building a lot more cities so the infantry can do things and be ready," Roberg

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Spc. Alexsias Szkolnicki (left) and Sgt. Chad Smith (center left) help 15th PSB Soldiers raise an A-frame tent as part of their cold weather training Nov. 5.

19th PAD/Tamez

Unit prepares to battle cold

Training teaches use of H45 tent heater

By James Tamez

19th PAD

Soldiers with 15th Personnel Services Battalion learned Nov. 5 how to fight the cold weather they expect to confront when the battalion moves into the field for training later this month.

The cold weather weaponry included an A-frame tent and the H45 stove.

The stove is an upright metal barrel heater about the size of a small beer keg. It burns several types of liquid fuel, including diesel, and produces 45,000 BTUs of heat.

One BTU of heat will increase

a pound of water from 39.2 degrees Fahrenheit to 40.2 degrees Fahrenheit. A representative of a local heating and air conditioning business said a residential home with 1,800 square feet of space would require a heater rated at about 120,000 BTUs.

Sgt. Chad Smith, the battalion's supply sergeant, taught the Soldiers how to set up and operate the H45 heaters. He said the Soldiers looked forward to getting the training because they knew it would be useful in the field.

"This is exactly the type of training that we've been looking for before heading out to our FTX (field training exercise)," said

Spc. Shane LaBay. "These field heaters are going to help quite a bit."

The cold weather training is very important for Soldiers at Fort Riley, Smith said. "For the type of weather that we have here in Kansas, ... They need to know how to keep warm."

LaBay remembered some earlier field training and the cool Kansas nights.

"When we were out in the field in the summer, it got chilly at night," LaBay said. "Now, in November, it's going to be freezing out there. So these little heaters are going to be perfect."

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Post news in brief

Hospital gets flu vaccine

Irwin Army Community Hospital recently received an additional, limited amount of flu vaccine which will be given to patients on an appointment basis.

The hospital will offer the added flu vaccinations to medically high-risk individuals only in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance and Department of Defense directive.

Patients in one of the following categories, may receive a flu vaccine by scheduling an appointment:

- Children ages 6-23 months
- Adults ages 65 or older
- Patients ages 2-64 years who have chronic medical conditions placing them at risk for infection (such as asthma, diabetes, chronic lung disease, and other specific conditions)
- Pregnant women
- Nursing home or long-term care facility residents
- Children ages 6 months to 18 years old who require chronic aspirin therapy
- People who have close contacts with children less than 6 months old

Appointment times and dates are 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Nov. 29-30 and Dec. 6-7 at Primary Care Clinic No. 3. Call 239-DOCS (3627) for an appointment.

Resources team to visit

The Army Human Resources Command Officer Personnel Management Directorate Team will visit Fort Riley Nov. 22-23.

During the visit, Brig. Gen. (P) Rhett Hernandez, OPMD director, will present an overview briefing on intermediate level education, force stabilization and other Army personnel initiatives. The briefing will be 10 to 11:30 a.m. Nov. 22 at Barlow Theater.

In addition to the briefing, the OPMD team, consisting of representatives from Infantry, Armor, Field Artillery, Engineer, Ordnance, Quartermaster and Transportation branches, will conduct individual interviews in the conference room in Building 210.

Interviews will begin at 1 p.m. and end about 5 p.m. Nov. 22. The team will offer a final day of interviews from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 5 p.m. Nov. 23.

To sign up for interviews, contact Capt. Brian McCluskie at brian.mccluskie@riley.army.mil or 239-6705.

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Gift giving

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tem and causes unnecessary delays in delivery, according to Defense Department officials.

It also means the military post offices cannot guarantee delivery by a specific date because of processing constraints.

"Gifts from the Homefront" certificates, which can be purchased by any individual, business or civic organization, allow troops to buy items of necessity and convenience at post exchange and base exchange facilities around the world.

AAFES has 51 exchanges in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom areas.

The gift certificates may also be personalized with a message to

troops who find themselves so far from home.

Because the gift certificates can be used for merchandise already stocked at contingency locations, "Gifts from the Homefront" are a safe alternative to traditional care packages that place unnecessary strain on the military mail system and present force protection issues.

Servicemembers can buy exactly what they need with the certificates because they can be applied to a wide range of products.

Reports from Iraq and Afghanistan indicate that the certificates are being used for the latest CDs and DVDs, comfort items

such as snacks and beverages and phone cards for those all-important calls home.

AAFES Commander Maj. Gen. Kathryn Frost said that "Gifts from the Homefront" and "Help our Troops Call Home" are excellent ways for all to show they care.

"I encourage every American who is concerned about the welfare of deployed troops to buy a gift certificate or a phone card," she said.

"While these troops are doing superhuman tasks in countries halfway around the world, we must remember that, after all, they too are human and the holidays can be a tough time to be away

from friends and family.

"Something as simple as a \$20 gift certificate or \$39 phone card can deliver the much-needed 'connection home' troops crave during the holiday season," she said.

Those wishing to send "Gifts from the Homefront" can log on to aafes.com or call (877) 770-4438.

"Help Our Troops Call Home" phone cards are available at aafes.com or by calling (800) 527-2345.

The gift certificates and phone cards may be sent to an individual servicemember designated by the purchaser or distributed to any servicemember through the USO,

American Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society or Fisher House.

"Gifts from the Homefront" and "Help Our Troops Call Home" phone cards can be addressed to any servicemember or individual servicemembers.

The gift certificates can be redeemed at any AAFES facility in the world.

AAFES operates 29 facilities in Iraq, 10 in Kuwait, five in Afghanistan, one each in Pakistan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan and four in Qatar/United Arab Emirates/Djibouti.

The phone cards can be used at any of AAFES' 60 call centers throughout Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

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said. "They're also forming a blacklist of suspected terrorists that the unit has to check each time they go through the town. It's all becoming a lot more realistic."

Roberg said the trend towards urban operations is in itself a major change the Army has recently taken with its training.

"Before, MOUT was only an infantry thing, but now mechanics, medics and everybody is having to learn how to do it," said Roberg, who is, himself, a mechanic. "We're all having to go on patrols now, and if the infantry

doesn't have enough Soldiers, they can bring you along if they want to."

Besides sending Soldiers to more ranges to improve marksmanship, the unit leadership has been more serious in ensuring every Soldier knows how to react in an emergency situation.

"As an executive officer, I'm putting my emphasis on the maintenance and making sure that everybody is doing everything the proper way," said 1st Lt. Heath Swyers of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Bn.,

11th Inf.

"I have to make sure my supply units know what to do if they get in a gunfight, because the enemy isn't just targeting infantry anymore," Swyers said.

"The hardest thing out there is learning how to be more fluid with your movements," he added.

"How you react out there is going to influence how the civilian population thinks of you. You can't just have an after-action review and start the next mission. Your last mission influences the next one," Swyers said.

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Post news in brief

Safety staff sets biker classes

A dirt bike rider course is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Nov. 20 and 27 and Dec. 4 and 18 at the McGee Farm in Wakefield.

An all-terrain vehicle rider course is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. on Dec. 5 and 12 at the McGee Farm.

The hands-on, half-day dirt bike and ATV rider courses are taught by licensed ASI instructors. The courses offer students an opportunity to increase their safety knowledge and to practice basic riding skills in a controlled environment under the direct supervision of a licensed instructor.

Students practice basic safety techniques with hands-on exercises. Particular emphasis is placed on the safety implications relating to each lesson.

The course also covers protective gear, environmental concerns and local laws. Participants receive the Dirt Bike and ATV RiderCourse Handbook that reinforces the safety information and riding techniques covered during the classes.

Individuals 6 years of age and older may take the class. Riders younger than 16 are restricted to dirt bikes and ATVs of the appropriate size recommended for the rider's age. There are special teaching provisions for students under 16 years old, and parents are encouraged to attend. Students younger than 12 participate in separate classes and a parent must be present during the entire course.

Students under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian sign the release and consent form.

For more information, call Vanita Fiedler at 239-2334.

ID Card Center restricts service

Fort Riley's ID Card Center will be closed to the public Nov. 30 to handle units being mobilized.

For more information, call Gary K. Morris at 239-5667 or 239-9202.



Pfc. Natem Stonic of HHC, 1st Bde., 1st Inf. Div., accepts a symbolic red poppy from Caroline Rieger-Seibel of Manhattan's VFW Post 1786 during the city's Veterans Day parade. The poppies are offered annually in remembrance of the Soldiers buried in Flander's Field in Belgium

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April from a year in Iraq and expects to go back next year.

"I am honored to march in the parade and will do it every time, if possible," said 2nd Lt. Lance Sheldon, who marched with his daughter, Kristina Wallace, and her fourth-grade class from Manhattan's Amanda Arnold Elementary School.

Following the parade, people gathered at Wareham Opera House for a commemorative program. Hardy was the program's keynote speaker.

"Our American veterans, past and present, have never marched up foreign shores armed with notions of glory; conquest was never their goal. To the contrary, they went to foreign lands with the simple notion that all peoples in all nations have a right to live in a world free from tyranny, free from oppression. And they fought with equally simple conviction: that some principles in life are worth dying for."

"Every day in America today, veterans continue to make significant contributions. Whether Korean War veterans, Vietnam veterans or the veterans of the last 20 years, our veterans continue to contribute to the growth and greatness that is this nation," Hardy said.

Veterans Day is a time to celebrate veterans of past wars and to honor the veterans who have served and are serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Trant said.

"I was humbled to see the veterans from past wars. I grew up hearing what heroes they all are. My son will know the same about them and about the Soldiers I served with," she said. "You never really know how lucky you are to be an American until you go outside of America, and you never realize what it is to truly be a Soldier until you have to deploy to something like Operation Iraqi Freedom. I am proud to have served."

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NTC training shifts focus

3rd Brigade faces more Iraq-like scenarios

By Christopher Selmek
19th PAD

As the National Training Center at Fort Irwin shifts its focus from major tank battles to urban, squad-sized missions, units that might traditionally not have seen much combat are preparing for anything.

The medic platoon of 1st Battalion, 13th Armor, 1st Armored Division, has been training for Military Operations in Urban Terrain as diligently as their armor crewman counterparts, in full expectation of participating in combat operations later in the rotation and, potentially, in Iraq.

"NTC used to have a very distinct mission with a linear battlefield," said 1st Lt. Jerry Silvers, who was moved into Observer Control from the medical platoon.

"Now they're moving away from that with civilians on the battlefield, more cities and a lot less force on force. The enemies are getting smarter, not attacking

just the combat units anymore, but now going after the support elements. We have to be ready for it," he said.

"While we're here, the company plans on entering and clearing a building ourselves," said 2nd Lt. Ben Doorink, medic platoon leader.

"Even if the building's already been cleared, we have to make sure and do it again before we set up a collection point, so it'll be good training for us," he said.

In order to prepare for this increased need for combat skills, the Soldiers have been performing more intensive training even at Fort Riley.

"When we did our gunnery, we performed a mass casualty exercise out at the Multi-Purpose Range Complex," Silvers said. "That focuses more on what we're going to be doing out there."

The platoon is also practicing different standard operating procedures in order to be more combat effective.

"We're trying to focus more on medical aid bags, so the Soldiers can be mobile and react to fire easier," Doorink said. "They're also getting some of the training that has previously only been available to higher level medics."

Silvers looks forward to this rotation at NTC being a more practical exercise of skills than anything the platoon has experienced before.

"This is going to be 100 times better than previous rotations because it's so realistic," he said. "It won't be exact, it never is, but it'll be better."

This rotation is meant to assist 1st Bn., 13th Armor, better execute their mission in Iraq sometime next year, officials said.

"The task force will be doing reconnaissance sweeps, supply routes, training the Iraqi police and rebuilding," Doorink said. "This medic platoon will be their liaison to the civilian doctors in the area, but we're going to be right there with them."

Battalions change commanders

Staff report

Two battalions at Fort Riley recently changed commanders.

Lt. Col. Michael Higginbottom assumed command of the 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, Nov. 14. He replaces Lt. Col. Jeff Swisher,

who is currently serving as G-5, strategic plans, while waiting for assignment.

Higginbottom joins 1st Bn. after serving as the reserve component operations officer for the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) at Fort Riley.

Lt. Col. David Theisen

assumed command of the 1st Engineer Battalion Nov. 16 after serving as deputy commander of the 937th Engineer Group.

He replaces Lt. Col. David Brinkley who took Theisen's previous position as deputy commander of the 937th Eng. Grp. at Fort Riley.

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Weather conditions made the Nov. 5 training interesting, Smith said.

"It (was) very windy. The wind slapped out the fire a couple of times. You just reset and keep on trucking," he explained.

"We've never had this type of

training before, and we are learning a lot," Spc. Alexsias Szkolniczki said.

"We're getting a lot of do's and don'ts and safety procedures on how to set the equipment up," LeBay said.

Smith stressed safety while

operating or being near one of the heaters.

The stoves put out a lot of heat in a very confined area, Smith told the Soldiers. He warned them to be sure to post a fireguard and to closely monitor the stove while it was operating.

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Riley Roundtable

This week's question:

What is your definition of a patriot?



"A patriot is someone who is willing to serve their country, maybe not in the military, but supporting them and the country."

Spc. Edward Clarke
Tanker
2nd Battalion, 34th Armor
Home: Oxnard, Calif.



"A patriot is someone willing to put their country first before themselves."

1st Lt. Melvin Conrad
Operations officer
778th Transportation Company
(Heavy Equipment Transport)
169th Corps Support Battalion,
Kansas National Guard



"A patriot is someone who does for their country and has pride for the nation."

1st Lt. Erin Kearney
Platoon leader
778th Transportation Company
(Heavy Equipment Transport)
169th Corps Support Battalion,
Kansas National Guard



"Anybody who helps to improve their country."

Staff Sgt. Robert Koehler
Battalion Master Gunner
1st Battalion, 16th Infantry
Home: Abilene, Kan.



"A patriot is someone who believes in the flag and isn't afraid to die for what they believe in."

Sgt. Shannon Martinez
Fuel handler
101st Forward Support Battalion
Home: Virginia Beach, Va.

Next week's question:

What quality is most important in a military leader in a civilian supervisor, and why do you feel it is so important?

Opinions may be e-mailed to the editor at mike.heronemus@riley.army.mil or faxed to the editor at 239-2592. Opinions must reach the editor by close of business Tuesdays to appear in the following Friday's paper. However, opinions reaching the editor after that deadline will still appear in a subsequent issue of the Post. We want to hear your ideas about issues that affect Soldiers, families and civilian employees at Fort Riley. Call the editor at 239-8854

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By Paul Inman
Chief, Safety Division

Thanksgiving celebrates tradition, family and good food. It is a lot of work pulling off a Thanksgiving feast and pulling together distant family and friends. The holiday can be a wonderful as well as stressful time of year. Keep in mind that travel accidents, cooking fires and food poisoning can spoil Thanksgiving.

Prevent a holiday tragedy by choosing to be a safe driver. Remember, privately owned vehicle accidents are the No. 1 killer of Soldiers. Drive safely and stay alert for aggressive drivers. Not all turkeys will be served at dinner; some will be driving.

Before venturing out, thoroughly inspect your vehicle to make sure no mechanical problems exist.

If embarking on a long trip, make sure the driver has plenty of rest to prevent him or her falling asleep at the wheel. Drowsy drivers can be just as dangerous as drunk drivers.

Remember to use the ASMSIS-1 program to plan your trip. The program can be found at safety.army.mil. Designate a sober driver if you plan to drink alcohol.

National Center for Injury Prevention and Control statistics indicate that cooking is a leading cause of residential fires. Follow-



Paul Inman

fires. Your home should have an ABC Multi-Purpose fire extinguisher (effective on ordinary combustibles, liquids, gasses and electrical fires) close to the oven. Never leave food unattended in the oven or on the burner. Clear the cooking area of combustible objects such as potholders and towels.

Cook on back burners when possible and turn pot handles so they do not extend over the edge of the stove. Avoid wearing clothes with long, loose-fitting sleeves while cooking. Keep long hair up and out of the way.

Prepare your feast properly to prevent food poisoning. Unfortunately, the hidden dangers of salmonella and other bacterial contaminations in perishable foods are often forgotten.

The first step toward safe cooking is to wash your hands. Separate raw meats and poultry from foods that will not be cooked, such as salads and breads.

ing simple safety tips can prevent turning your house into an inferno. Before cooking, make sure the oven is clean. A dirty oven can serve as a catalyst for cooking

If you buy a thawed turkey, it can be stored safely in a refrigerator for one or two days before cooking. The refrigerator is also the safest place to thaw a turkey. Never thaw a turkey at room temperature. Thaw the refrigerated turkey on a tray, under cold water (make sure to change the water to prevent contamination) or in the microwave.

Start cooking the completely thawed turkey to ensure doneness and prevent bacterial growth while in the oven. Set the oven at a minimum of 325 degrees Fahrenheit to prevent the growth of bacteria.

Do not allow the turkey's juices to contaminate other foods, especially those that will not be cooked.

Use a thermometer to assure doneness. The turkey is cooked completely when a thermometer inserted into the inner thigh reads 170 to 180 degrees F. If you put the stuffing inside the turkey, it should be cooked to 165 degrees F.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recommends that you do not stuff your turkey. Instead, cook the stuffing in a casserole dish.

While a deep-fried turkey is usually juicy and succulent, turkey fryers may cause fires or severe burns if used improperly, and it must be noted that Underwriters Laboratory does not certify turkey fryers as safe to use.

If you use a turkey fryer, here are a few safety tips:

Use the turkey fryer outdoors away from buildings or any flammable material. Place the fryer on a flat surface to lower the chances of it tipping over.

Children and pets should be kept away from the fryer while in use.

Turkey fryers must be attended while in use. Occasionally check the temperature of the oil - it could ignite if it gets too hot.

To avoid spills, do not overfill the fryer. Always use insulated potholders or oven mitts when touching the pot, lid handles or turkey holder.

Remember to keep an ABC multi-purpose fire extinguisher nearby.

Regardless of how it is cooked, the turkey should be served soon after cooked, and remember that hot foods should be kept hot and cold foods should be kept cold. Perishable leftovers (turkey, pumpkin pie, stuffing, etc.) must be refrigerated within two hours.

Carve the meat into small pieces for faster cooling. Gravy, stuffing and side dishes should be stored in shallow containers.

Cooked turkey kept in the refrigerator generally is safe to eat for up to three days. The turkey also can be stored safely for two months in the freezer.

With these helpful tips, I hope you and your family have a stress-free celebration.

Equal Opportunity Native Americans claim rich heritage

By Kevin Stuart
MEDDAC Soldier Medic

Every year during the month of November, we celebrate Native American Heritage Month. The month affords us the opportunity to celebrate and share their heritage as well as revisit the lessons our well-intentioned founding fathers and mothers attempted to learn.

But who are Native Americans? They are descendants of the people who discovered and settled America more than 20,000 years ago. Native Americans are a people of diverse cultures and customs with ancestral ties to the people of Africa, Asia, Latin American and Europe.

In our Society today, it is commonly accepted that perceptions form our views of reality. Our perceptions shape our worldview. What happens when people who perceive things differently meet? When that happens, their realities collide and conflict often results unless the gap that exists between their worlds is bridged.

Our history is full of examples in which perceptions based upon facts tainted by fear, prejudice and misunderstanding resulted in tragic consequences. This has never been truer than in the case of the Native Americans.

Of all the cultures and civilizations that exist today, perhaps the most misunderstood is that of the Native American.

Much of what the majority of people in our society think they know about their culture has been acquired from movie and television westerns more concerned with the show's action than historical content.

How many of you know much or anything about Native Americans? What images come to mind when you hear the words Native American or Indian?

For years, American history books talked about the ancestors of modern day Native Americans as if they were all one race and often as if they were all of one nation.

The 1999 U.S. Bureau of Census statistics show they comprise only about 1 percent of our population but represent 50 percent of the diversity, speak 252 languages and form 560 federally recognized tribes and 365 state-

recognized tribes. Native Americans can count many significant contributions in the U.S. military. In 1822, David Moncock of the Creek tribe became the first Native American to graduate from the U.S. Military Academy.



Kevin Stuart

During the Civil War, the 3rd Indian Regiment gained distinction with their courage and wisdom and was the last group to quit fighting the war.

In 1866, Chief Red Cloud won a war with the United States, becoming the only chief in history to accomplish that feat.

During World War I, about 8,000 Native Americans were in the military despite not being eligible for the draft. Their valor and demonstrated patriotism moved Congress to pass the Indian Citizenship Act of 1924, which granted Native Americans the rights of U.S. citizenship.

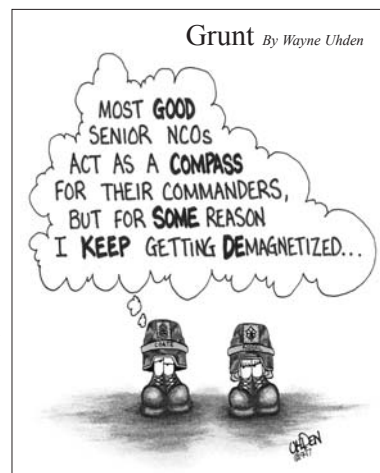
During World War II, more than 250,000 Native American men and women joined the armed services and were honored with 71 Air Medals, 15 Silver Stars, 47 Bronze Stars, 34 Distinguished Flying Crosses and 2 Medals of Honor.

During the Vietnam War, 41,500 Native Americans served in the armed forces. The most decorated Native American Soldier of the Vietnam War was Billy Walkabout, a Cherokee who won the Distinguished Service Cross, five Silver Stars and five Bronze Stars and was wounded on six different occasions.

Storm, about 3,000 Native American military personnel served in the Persian Gulf theater of operations and a total of 24,000 Native American men and women were in the military in 1990, just prior to operation Desert Storm.

Today during the operation in Iraq, Native Americans still serve our country proudly.

I feel it is crucially important that we honor and show respect for all people the way our Native American ancestors did.



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Post news in brief

Holiday changes trash pick-up

The refuse schedule will change Nov. 22-26 in observance of Thanksgiving Day. The schedule is:

Nov. 22 – Colyer Manor, Main Post, Marshall Field, dumpster at Building 621. (No change from regular schedule.)

Nov. 23 – Ellis Heights, O'Donnell Heights, Montieth Heights, Peterson Heights (north of Thomas Avenue), dumpster at Building 5309. (No change from regular schedule.)

Nov. 24 – Warner Heights, Burnside Heights, dumpsters at Buildings 28, 45, 470, 540, 542, 621.

Nov. 25 – No pick up. **Nov. 26** – Meade Heights, McClellan Heights, South Warner Heights, Peterson Heights (south of Thomas Avenue), dumpster at Building 5309.

For more information, call Paul Cassella at 239-6274.

IACH requires appointments

In an effort to shorten waiting times and better serve the medical beneficiary population, beginning Nov. 15, the Immunization Clinic at Irwin Army Community Hospital will serve patients by appointment only. No walk-ins will be served.

As of Nov. 8, patients should call 239-3627 to schedule an appointment.

Graduation ceremony set

Fort Riley military members, family members and civilian employees who are graduates of local college or SOCAD college programs are being invited to participate in the postwide graduation ceremony at 1 p.m. Dec.

9 in King Field House. For more information, call 239-6481.

PW schedules leaf pick-up

Leaf pick-up with the Public Works leaf vacuum machine began in areas of heavy tree concentration on Nov. 1. When weather permits, the leaf pick-up schedule (with emphasis on housing areas) will be:

Main Post on Mondays and Tuesdays

Marshall Army Air Field on Wednesdays

Camp Forsyth on Thursdays
Custer Hill and other areas on Fridays

Leaves to be removed by the leaf vacuum should be raked and piled in rows on the lawn area adjacent to the curb, but not on the curb or street. Leaf piles must not contain grass clippings, limbs or other heavy debris that would interfere with the vacuum operation. The leaf vacuum will operate through November as long as necessary to complete fall leaf removal.

Housing occupants desiring to confine leaves in trash bags may place these bags adjacent to the trash carts for pick-up by the trash collection contractor on regular pick-up days. Bagged leaves should not weigh any more than 40 pounds each.

The trash collection contractor will not pick up leaves for activities serviced by dumpsters. These units will be required to haul their leaves to the yard waste compost area near Building 1945 in Camp Funston. Leaves may be hauled loose or in bags, but all leaves must be deposited loose into the compost. Dumpsters containing bagged or loose leaves will not be emptied.

For more information, call Burton Shepherd at 239-3908.

Flu: Army tests half doses

Army News Service

WASHINGTON – Army researchers are studying whether half doses of vaccine can prevent flu in healthy Pentagon volunteers.

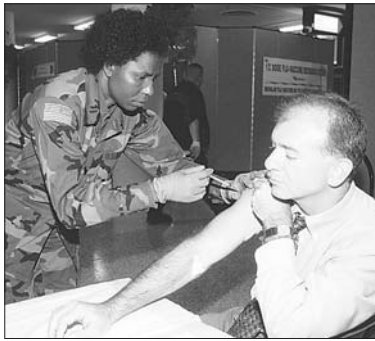
The study, conducted by the Allergy-Immunology Department and Vaccine Healthcare Centers Network at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, in cooperation with the Department of Health and Human Services, compares the immune responses of participants who receive half doses of vaccine with those who receive full doses.

The purpose of the study isn't to prove that a half dose is the same, but to prove that it isn't inferior to a full dose, said Maj. Molly Klotz, research fellow at the Allergy-Immunology Department at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

"We are trying to see whether a half dose of the flu vaccination would be what's called non-immunological inferior to the full dose," Klotz said. "Basically, [the half dose] has the same effect on the immune system as the full dose of the vaccine in healthy people. We think a healthy immune system only needs half as much of the vaccine to create the same immune response of a full dose of someone who's older or has a less effective immune system."

If immune responses are similar in the two groups, U.S. health care providers may be able to respond to future vaccine shortages by giving healthy people half doses. This would allow protection of twice as many people during shortages or major flu epidemics.

The goal is to vaccinate 1,440 individuals who are Military Health System beneficiaries, or enrolled by Nov. 24, between the ages 18 and 64 and who do not fall into DoD's priority categories for receiving the existing vaccine or haven't had a flu shot in the past three years. In addition to the



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Second Lt. Grace Wguhmbi, a registered nurse with the 2290th Army Hospital at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, gives Tony Stampone a random dose of flu vaccine. Stampone, who works in the Pentagon for the Office of the Secretary of Defense, is one of many participants taking part in a study to determine whether half doses of flu vaccine can prevent flu in healthy volunteers.

Pentagon site in the concourse, a second site opened at the Walter Reed Allergy-Immunology Clinic Nov. 18.

"The response has been fabulous for DoD and for readiness since we have so many healthy people in our recruits and Soldiers," said Col. Renata Engler, chief of the Allergy-Immunology Department at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. The only problem is trying to find people who haven't had a flu shot in the last three years, she added.

"The reason why healthy people are so important is because data shows that the best way to

protect the most vulnerable people in our population is to immunize those around them," Engler said. "Not just in hospitals, but in homes and work areas because, in some cases, people who are at the greatest risk ... don't respond well to the vaccination."

The study requires two visits over a three-week period, starting on the first day of vaccination. Individuals participating in the study must have a tube of blood drawn, which will be used to measure the antibodies to the influenza virus. Once receiving the randomly selected half dose or full dose of the vaccine, individuals

are given a diary card to record any symptoms or side effects for the next 21 days.

During that time, the participants will receive two more follow-up surveys by e-mail or phone asking if they had any flu-like illness, unexpected hospital visits or trips to the emergency room for any upper respiratory or flu-like illnesses, Klotz said. Surveys will continue for six months after initial enrollment.

On the second visit, individuals will give another tablespoon of blood, and then both samples will be sent to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention lab to measure the antibodies.

"It's critical to the study to get people to come back in 21 days or so to get the post blood drawn," Engler said, "because that's when the immune system responds to the vaccine."

One participant, Tony Stampone with the Office of Secretary of Defense, said the study is a good idea and the process was efficient and thorough.

While other half-dose studies have been done, more data is needed to apply results to the population as a whole, officials said.

The Army study is looking at additional age groups, numbers of clinic visits and other health outcomes of the participants, and is adding an additional flu season of data.

The Food and Drug Administration, which licenses U.S. vaccines, needs such additional data before making a decision about half-dose administration.

The vaccine used in the study is the same U.S. vaccine that is currently available for high-risk individuals. The study will use less than one-tenth of a percent of the flu vaccine DoD is allotted for this flu season.

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Army's top cooks set best table in world

Soldier culinary team wins international gold during competition in Erfurt, Germany

By Travis Edwards
Army News Service

FORT LEE, Va. — After seven days of intense competition on the world's stage, the U.S. Army Culinary Arts team brought home the gold medal in the cold table layout and hot food competition.

The Army team took second place overall in the World Culinary Olympics in Erfurt, Germany, the first week of November.

"The food service warriors of the U.S. Army Culinary Arts Team drew upon all of their leadership skills for their battle in the International Culinary Olympics, and without even blinking an eye exceeded the standard," said Lt. Col. Don Vitpil, director, Army Center of Excellence, Subsistence, Fort Lee, Va.

Sanctioned by the German Chefs Association, the Culinary Olympics takes place every four years. This year, 11 national military teams from Europe, South

Africa and North America participated.

"One of the greatest benefits of being a part of the U.S. Army Culinary Team is that you get the chance to work with the absolute best food service Soldiers in the Army, in the toughest culinary competitions and do it in an international environment," said Chief Warrant Officer David Longstaff, culinary arts team manager at Fort Lee.

The military teams compete against an international standard in an attempt to earn a bronze, silver or gold medal in their specific contest.

"The Culinary Olympics gives Soldiers the opportunity to compete with a variety of cultures; it expands the diversity of the food service industry in the United States and increases positive relations with other countries," said team member Sgt. Carlene Robidoux of Fort Bragg, N.C.

The military Culinary Olympics are held in conjunction

with the International Culinary Olympic competition, which plays host to 32 national teams bringing 1,200 competitors to the event.

"These culinary professionals are warriors first and artists second," Longstaff said. "Almost half of the U.S. Army Culinary Arts team has either recently returned from a deployment or will deploy in the next few months."

The popularity of this world event is reflected in the more than 40,000 attendees who visited the venue.

"The experience of meeting and competing with Soldiers from 10 other countries and gaining an understanding of how other armies train and cook is an experience that our Soldiers will take with them for the rest of their lives," Longstaff said.

The USACAT team began the competition with the cold table layout, earning 10 gold medals and 11 silver medals for outstand-

ing display, featuring the U.S. Army Cavalry. The medal count shattered previous medal counts from the competition in 2000.

The team entered 15 centerpieces with each one earning a medal, a feat never before achieved by the American team. This earned the table the highest score in the competition and the gold medal.

"At this level of competition, team work is the most important asset you can have. The team can not win without it," said Sgt. 1st Class Rene Marquis, team expeditor, Fort Shafter, Hawaii. Every person on the team has to pull his weight so the team can all climb to the top of the mountain to get the gold, together, she added.

In the next event, the team prepared two pre-selected three-course meals on a German army field kitchen system known as the "Karcher Kitchen." The field kitchen team had to prepare 150 hot meals that were served to spectators while being judged by

an international team of judges.

"As the cooking began, the team was recognized for their creativity by modifying the kitchen with a steam table insert on the trailer itself. This allowed the team to be more creative in their meal preparation and added a layer of efficiency that significantly contributed to them earning the gold medal in this event," Vitpil said.

"After five hours of cooking, serving and being judged, the team earned six gold medals with one being awarded for achieving a perfect score in desserts," he said.

Overall the team finished second in the points total but dominated the medal count with 16 gold medals and 17 silver medals.

The members of the 2004 U.S. Army Culinary Arts Team were Longstaff, Sgt. 1st Class David

Turcotte, Washington, D.C.; Master Sgt. Mark Warren, Fort Bragg, N.C.; Master Sgt. Steve Magnin, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.; Marquis; Sgt. 1st Class Mark Morgan, Fort Benning, Ga.; Staff Sgt. Joshua Rine, Heidelberg, Germany; Spc. Todd Bohak, Fort Bragg, N.C.; Chief warrant officer Robert Sparks, Stuttgart, Germany; Staff Sgt. Jesus Camacho, Fort Drum, N.Y.; Sgt. Adam Lang, Fort Bragg, N.C.; Sgt. Karen Glanzer, Fort Shafter, Hawaii; Spc. Luisa Concepcion, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Spc. Florine Nevins, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Robidoux; Pfc. Mathew Flemister, Alaska; Sgt. Scott Graves, Heidelberg, Germany; Pfc. Joseph Oberly, Heidelberg, Germany; Pfc. John Page, Pentagon, D.C.; and Spc. Billy Daugette, Fort Benning, Ga.

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Residents, units offered boughs

Units, housing occupants and post activities desiring cedar and pine boughs to decorate the interior and exterior of their buildings can pick up this material through Dec. 24 at the Public Works parking lot on Dickman Avenue across from Building 364 on Main Post on a first come, first served basis.

Extreme care should be taken in using the boughs in order to avoid fire hazards. Frequent misting or sprinkling of boughs with water is recommended to retard their drying out. All units, housing occupants and activities are reminded that cutting pine and cedar trees or branches anywhere on the installation is prohibited.

For more information, call the Operations and Maintenance Division at 239-3908.

School slates self-help class

The Public Works Self-Help School will conduct a class for unit self-help personnel Dec. 6. The course is taught from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Building 307 in conjunction with Barton County Community College and provides Soldiers the opportunity to obtain advanced education credits.

The revised Fort Riley regulation cover the minor maintenance self-help program requires a self-help card for personnel to be able to pickup

materials or to call in priority two and three service orders. Two-hour classes are offered to enable civilians and noncommissioned officers in grades E-7 and above to obtain a card. The next class for that will be at 9 a.m. Nov. 23 in Building 307.

The self-help course incorporates the installation's energy conservation class, which is taught at 1 p.m. on Thursdays during the self-help class. Energy awareness officers and NCOs do not need to attend the whole self-help class in order to attend their mandatory energy conservation class.

To enroll in the week-long self-help class, an on-post school request must be submitted to the school.

To enroll in the Energy Conservation Class or the two-hour class for civilians and senior NCOs seeking a self-help card, a memorandum must be submitted to the school. It can be e-mailed to kozlowskie@riley.army.mil.

An enrollment form for any of the classes can be faxed to 239-8188, ATTN: Ed, Self-Help School, or they can be dropped off at Building 307.

For more information, contact Ed Kozlowski at 239-3757.

Mail classes scheduled

An Introduction to Unit Mailroom Operations class will be offered Dec. 8 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Building 319. Pre-enrollment is required. To enroll, call 239-5411.



19th PAD/Selmek

Spc. Dan Smith, 1st Bn., 41st Inf., plays the part of a casualty during the unit's improvised Military Operations in Urban Terrain training in the National Training Center motor pool.

Headquarters Soldiers train like infantrymen

By Christopher Selmek
19th PAD

Soldiers of Company A, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, 3rd Armored Division, practiced Military Operations in Urban Terrain in their National Training Center motor pool at Fort Irwin, Calif., Oct. 25, but their minds took them across the ocean to another desert.

The Soldiers were mentally preparing themselves for a more dangerous, real-world mission in Iraq expected to come sometime in 2005.

"The fact that the enemy is becoming more tactically competent means that all levels of company training, (including) headquarters and line platoons, need to receive training as far as if a convoy gets hit by an explosive device and ambushed," said Sgt. Jeremy Fowler.

"They need to know exactly what to do and where to go. We all need to know what to do in case it happens," he said.

With that in mind, the company conducted reaction casualty evacuations from an ambushed convoy, then moved into and cleared a house, according to Spc. John Sherfield.

"I think the training is going to do very well (because) one of the things you're up against there is you might be hit by improvised

explosive devices, and they might also be followed up with ambushes," Sherfield said.

"You're going to have to clear the streets as soon as possible and practice the methods necessary to secure your casualties to take care of them," he added.

This increased emphasis on urban operations follows NTC's latest shift in training styles.

"It's no longer going to be the big tank battles," said Staff Sgt. Dan Valenavado of Co. A.

"The first week is expected to be squad sized training, then unit and company level training. The most important thing here is for us to develop our standard operating procedures for this kind of thing," Valenavado said.

"The most important thing is for me to make sure my guys know what they're doing," he said. "I'm not as concerned about NTC as I am about getting that idea into their heads so that they take it seriously."

Valenavado said his platoon would do everything necessary to ensure that they entered the theatre of operations with a professional attitude, knowing their mission to the best of their ability.

"NTC will never be exactly like Iraq," he said, "but you can give them an attitude so they sort of know what to expect. That's all you can ask."

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Troopers perform at bull riding championship

Members of Fort Riley's Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard form up for rehearsal before Professional Bull Riders' World Finals Oct. 28-31 in Las Vegas. The unit posted the colors during the opening ceremonies each night, representing Fort Riley and the U.S. Army. One of the Army-sponsored professional bull riders, 21-year-old Mike Lee, won the Built Ford Tough Series World Championship during the finals in Las Vegas. "Fort Riley was fabulous. The mounted color guard came in, and the place was just taken aback. The support and patriotic spirit that exists within this crowd and within these people to see our Soldiers come out in this venue was very heart enriching," said Col. Thomas Nickerson, director of strategic outreach for U.S. Army Accessions Command. "It's an honor to be here, especially when you've got guys like Mike Lee here who are sponsored by the U.S. Army riding in the PBR. They put on a warm reception for us," said color guard Trooper Michael Leverington.

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MWR announces holiday operations

The Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation has announced holiday hours for the Thanksgiving weekend:

Facilities Closed Nov. 25-28:

Information, Tickets and Registration
Child Development Center
School Age Services
Soldier and Family Support Center
Riley's Conference Center
Morale, Welfare and Recreation

headquarters and offices

Holiday operating hours:

King Field House - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 25-28
Custer Hill Golf Course - 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Nov. 26-28

Auto Crafts Center - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 26-28
Eyster pool - 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 26-28

Arts & Crafts Center - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 27-28

Outdoor Recreation Center - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 26; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 27

Strike Zone Grill - Closed for lunch Nov. 26; open noon to midnight Nov. 27; and open noon to 8 p.m. Nov. 28

Bowling - 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. Nov. 26; noon to 1 a.m. Nov. 27; noon to 8 p.m. Nov. 28

Skating Rink - 8 to 10 p.m. Nov. 26; 6 to 10 p.m., Nov. 27; 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 28

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Iraqi Americans tell stories

Military audiences learn accounts that support intervention

By Kathleen T. Rhem
AFPS

WASHINGTON — Dr. Ali Alattar has some compelling stories to tell, and he believes U.S. military servicemembers and their families need to hear them.

The Iraqi-born physician knows Americans have heard countless tales of weapons of mass destruction and mass graves in Iraq.

But, he contends, most have never heard these stories straight from someone who has seen people suffering disfigurement, burns and hopelessness because of exposure to chemical weapons. And most have never heard directly from someone who has seen the mass graves, indeed, even has family members buried in them.

"I want you to imagine with me and picture with me a woman buried alive sitting in a minivan in her street clothes and her infant on her lap," Alattar said, in describing a scene he saw this year at a mass grave site in Iraq. "They are still in that position for the past 12, 13 years.

"This is the kind of a man Saddam was," he said, "and the kind of regime that we dealt with. Imagine if this guy had the opportunity to come and have the fate of the Americans in his hand — what could he have done?"

Family sent into exile

Alattar left Iraq in 1980 when his Shiite Muslim family was sent into exile because his father was involved with human-rights work. Today he is a physician in private practice in a Virginia suburb of Washington, D.C., and he's one of countless Iraqis living in exile who have returned to the country of their birth to help with reconstruction since Saddam was removed from power.

Pentagon officials are working to get some of these individuals, as well as Americans who have done reconstruction work in Iraq

to travel to military bases in the United States to talk to servicemembers and their families about the progress being made in Iraq and their hopes for the country's future.

Stories from American Soldiers about working with Iraqis inspired Scott Erwin to seek a different job from his position creating spreadsheets and databases while ensconced in the relative safety of central Baghdad's Green Zone that includes the Iraqi interim government organizations and the U.S. Embassy.

"Most people see the U.S. Army in Iraq and think of fighting first and foremost, but what I heard were (stories of) troops building relationships with the Iraqi people, building schools, passing out soccer balls and really winning the hearts and minds," said Erwin, "and I was jealous. I wanted to be a part of that."

Erwin began work as a liaison between Iraqis and coalition members working for the Ministry of the Interior and ran a program teaching the tenets of democracy to university students in Baghdad.

As he was returning to the Green Zone one day in early June from his last session with the university students, the car Erwin was riding in was attacked.

The two Iraqi police officers with him were killed, and an Iraqi translator saved Erwin's life by pulling him out of and behind the car to shield him from small-arms fire. Eventually other Iraqi police officers were able to get him to medical attention inside the Green Zone.

Erwin was shot four times in the attack. A surgical scar is evident low on his left forearm, and he still wears an elaborate splint on that arm. But, he said, he holds no animosity toward Iraqis. He prefers to focus on those Iraqis who saved his life.

"Some people have asked me, 'Why would you ever want to go back? Do you hold ill will toward the Iraqi people for what they

did?" "How can I?" he said he replies, "because the Iraqi people are the ones that saved my life. And yes, I would like to go back if given the opportunity."

Escape took 21 days

Pakeza Alexander left northern Iraq when she was 10 in the mid-1970s, walking and running for 21 days through the mountains until her group reached Iran. On her trek, Alexander recalls seeing death, hunger and fright among the people and planes dropping bombs.

She said she remembers that on her 19th day on the run, "I looked up and said, 'God, is no one out there to help us?'"

She swore that she would someday do something to help the people of Iraq or any people who went through what she did. Alexander fulfilled that promise last year, when she returned to Iraq to work for the Iraqi Reconstruction Development Council.

Alexander said she signed on for the project to visit military

bases to thank U.S. troops for what they've done in Iraq.

Tamara Quinn and Mahdi Sundukchi, both Iraqi-born Americans who have worked in Iraq over the past year, shared similar sentiments about speaking to U.S. troops and their families.

Quinn came to the United States in 1973. Saddam was de facto ruler of the country then, and harassment of university students, particularly women, was being stepped up. Quinn's family helped her travel here when she was 19, and she feared she'd never see Iraq again.

"I was afraid to go back in case they kept me there," she said. But, she added, she was compelled to return to Iraq after the country's liberation. She worked for the Iraqi Reconstruction Development Council for nearly 10 months before returning to the United States.

Still, she felt she needed to help in some way and began spending time with a local military-reserve unit preparing to deploy from Cleveland, Tenn., teaching them basic Arabic.

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Community news briefly

Family groups plan holiday

The Exceptional Family Member Program and New Parent Support Program will host their annual holiday celebration from 6 to 9 p.m. Dec. 7 at Riley's Conference Center. Santa Claus will visit just in time to hear each child's Christmas list.

All military families enrolled in either the EFMP and NPSF programs are invited to attend. Families must call 239-9435 by Nov. 29 to R.S.V.P. to the Exceptional Family Member Program or New Parent Support Program representative.

Thanksgiving buffet cancelled

The Thanksgiving Day Buffet at Riley's Conference Center has been cancelled. The Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation plans to try again with a Valentine's Day buffet.

For more information, call Beth Ernst at 239-3733.

Support group plans to meet

The Neurofibromatosis support group will meet at 1 p.m. Nov. 20 in the Dorothy Bramlage Public Library in Junction City. Refreshments will be served and the most updated literature on NF will be available.

The support group was organized to provide NF sufferers and their families information about the disorder, to educate the general public about the affliction and to support research toward treatment and a cure.

For more information, call (785) 762-7620, (316) 669-8453 or (800) 942-6825.

JCHS celebrates Settles upgrade

On Nov. 19, a brief rededication ceremony of Settles Auditorium will be conducted before the 7:30 p.m. performance of Junction City High School's fall play, "No Crime Like the Present."

The rededication ceremony is being held in celebration of the completion of Phase I of Settles Auditorium renovations which occurred this past summer.

Members of the Settles family will be present and receive "Blue Jay Paver" stones that were part of the original auditorium floor.

Library features holiday story

Saturday storytimes at the Post Library, Building 5306, at 1:30 p.m. in November will feature the changing of the seasons and autumn holidays. Parents must accompany all children younger than 10. No fee is charged.

On Nov. 20, the story will be "Thanksgiving at the Tappletons," a story about being grateful for family.

For more information, call Victoria Martin at 239-5305.

Stay In Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Group keys on war's wounded

New support effort gains momentum to help spouses of injured Soldiers

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

The Fort Riley spouse of a Soldier wounded in Iraq knows first-hand that Army spouses could use some special support while dealing with the disruption and stress

such a situation creates.

Patti Walker decided such a support group was needed the first time she visited her husband, Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Walker, at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, where he was recuperating from serious head wounds he received in Iraq.

She had gotten lots of community and neighborly support while preparing for the trip but still had to deal with a lot of unknowns once she reached WRAMC.

With the backing of some key leaders in the Fort Riley community, the Walkers began to form a core group that would work to

provide the kind of support spouses in similar situations would need.

Among those core group leaders are the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley commanding general's wife, Diane Hardy; the assistant division commander's wife, Betty-Sue Kearney;

Robin Canuela, a social worker at Irwin Army Community Hospital; Chap. (Maj.) Carl Rosenberg, post family life chaplain; and Chap. (Capt.) Timothy Stiers, IACH chaplain.

The Walkers were encouraged to pursue their idea the second

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In their honor



Post/Hardesty

Members of Junction City High School's JROTC Blue Jay Battalion Drill Team perform at the Fort Riley Middle School's Veterans Day assembly Nov. 10.

Middle school salutes America's heroes

By J.D. Hardesty
Staff writer

No matter how Veterans Day is celebrated, "The underlying point is real — gratitude for what we have today and the freedoms that have been protected throughout history," Capt. Thomas J. Peters III, personnel officer (S1) for 541st Maintenance Battalion, explained while speaking at the Fort Riley Middle School's Veterans' Day celebration Nov. 10.

Outlining the history of Veterans Day, Peters told the middle school students that its origin was Armistice Day — the signing of the armistice signaling the end of World War I. "The following year, Nov. 11, 1919, Armistice Day was set aside as a day of remembrance for the sacrifices of the men and women of World War I," he said.

Highlighting the day's Kansas roots, Peters explained that in 1953, in Emporia, Kan., "the citizens began calling Armistice Day, Veterans Day. The term caught on and in 1954, Congress deemed Nov. 11 as Veterans Day."

In 1971 President Richard M. Nixon declared Veterans Day a federal holiday.

Veterans Day remembrances take on many forms, Peters explained, from parades, moments of silence at 11 a.m., the flying of the American flag and poppies, to various ceremonies.

One unique symbol Peters highlighted to the students was the poppy, a flower that signifies support for veterans. "This little flower represents to veterans the World War I bloody battle that occurred in a field of poppies in Flanders Field in Belgium," he said.

Flanders Field is now a U.S. military cemetery near Waregem, Belgium, where 368 members of the WWI armed forces are buried.

No matter how Veterans Day is celebrated, "The underlying point is real — gratitude for what we have today and the freedoms that have been protected throughout history," Peters said.

Several students recognized for essays

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Capt. Thomas J. Peters III, personnel officer for 541st Maint. Bn., and guest speaker at the Fort Riley Middle School's Veterans Day celebration, outlines the history of Veterans Day from its Armistice Day origin.

Santa, elves gather toys Fort Riley launches 'Operation Santa Claus'

By Cassidy Hill
Community Relations

Good Ol' Saint Nick and his 15 elves gathered at Building 261 Nov. 8, for a ribbon cutting ceremony to launch this year's 36th annual Operation Santa Claus at Fort Riley.

The annual effort collects toys and money to buy toys for needy children. Sgt. 1st Class Tracy Jordan

said Operation Santa Claus is a cooperative effort between Fort Riley, the Noncommissioned Officers Association and the Salvation Army.

"The sole purpose of the program is to put toys in the hands of children ... who might not otherwise have the opportunity to have a joyous season," Jordan said.

The Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison Soldier narrated the ceremony.

Garrison Commander, Col. John A. Simpson said that last year's Operation Santa Claus raised more than \$51,000 and that this year's goal is to top that amount.

Simpson, the guest speaker for the event, had the honor of introducing Santa Claus who came to the podium ringing his jingle bells

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Post/Hill

Sgt. 1st Class Tracy Jordan, left, Santa Claus (portrayed by Richard Peterson of G3) and Col. John Simpson, garrison commander, sing during the ceremony opening this year's Operation Santa Claus on Nov. 8.



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Post/Hardisty
Victor Wong, Fort Riley Middle School band director, leads band members as they play the "Star Spangled Banner" to open the school's Veterans Day Nov. 10.

they had written about Veterans Day read their compositions to the crowd. Jordan Alexander, Hillary Konken, Samantha Courts, Julia Magahan and Julie Miller explained what Veterans Day means to them.

"Both my parents and grandfathers are veterans," Courts read from her essay.

"I am very thankful for their contributions. To me, veterans are the truest heroes. They risk their lives that I may enjoy the benefits of freedom," she continued.

"Our military deserves to be honored, respected and shown appreciation," she read. "Without them, there might not even be a country. That is why I am thankful so much for veterans in my life."

Konken told the assembly, "A veteran is a hero because they protect our country and us ... and I am proud to be the daughter of one."

Other highlights of the school's Veterans Day celebration included the school's band playing the "Star Spangled Banner," a performance by the Junction City High School's JROTC Drill Team and the reading of the poem "I Am the Flag" by Mike Whaley, a teacher at the school.

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About the group:

Flyers telling about the new Wounded Soldiers Support Group will be passed out during the Post Tree Lighting ceremony at 4:45 p.m. Dec. 2 at Ware Parade Field. The first formal meeting of the support group will be 5:30 p.m. Dec. 7 at St. Mary's Chapel on Main Post. The meeting will include a free chili dinner and door prizes. To volunteer, call Patti Walker at 784-4396 or (785) 375-2480.

time Patti visited her husband at WRAMC, she said. They met Acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee. "He said if the post blesses it (the support effort) and it was successful, the Army would use Fort Riley as a pilot post" and would spread the program Armywide, she said.

The Walkers envision a totally non-funded support program that wouldn't need to raise money to operate and that would assist Family Readiness Groups, not replace what those groups do.

Installations would pay the bill for materials needed for the program and volunteers would provide the labor, Patti said.

Support supplied by the post would come in form of an information packet that tells about WRAMC, how much money the spouse should take, modes of transportation available, phone numbers the spouse will need to know and as much other information as can be put together to help the spouse get through the visit with a minimum of trouble, Patti said.

"While she's gone, she will have a point of contact in the

gone through being wounded or having a spouse wounded. We want someone who's been there and done that."

Other support the group might be able to provide could include a driving committee that would help wounded Soldiers get to doctor appointments so the spouse doesn't have to worry about that all the time, Patti said.

Other ideas being considered are "a one-time clean team to help a spouse get the house ready for when he comes home, and single Soldiers will get some meals delivered to their barracks so they won't have to face the problem of getting to the chow hall," she said.

Support would not be limited to families living at Fort Riley, Patti assured. "Out-of-town spouses will get packages overnighted with the name and phone number of their POC," she said.

"We just want to help spouses of wounded Soldiers not feel alone and provide a group where wounded Soldiers can talk to one another about their experiences," Patti said.

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in the holiday spirit. Santa told the audience that all of his presents presented during the Christmas holiday come from his many elves.

"I have millions of elves, but some of my finest elves are at Fort Riley," said Santa, portrayed by Richard Peterson of the G3 staff at the post headquarters.

Santa, Simpson and U.S. Army Garrison Command Sgt. Major James Nobel cut the red ribbon to signify that Operation Santa Claus was officially under way.

Several volunteers then helped wrap presents that had already

been donated to the annual toy drive.

Santa's elves will be in the surrounding communities collecting toys. The elves will also make toy purchases at stores on post and in the local communities.

"It really does mean a lot, not just to the kids from our community but the surrounding communities here," Simpson said.

"Almost 15,000 children were touched last year, and over 700 volunteer hours were used in this program. This is a way Fort Riley can give back to the local community," he said.

Wrapped or unwrapped presents can be dropped off at boxes at the Main Post Exchange, Irwin Army Community Hospital and all brigade headquarters on post.

Drop-off boxes are also located off post at Wal-Mart stores in Manhattan and Junction City and at Alco in Manhattan.

Monetary gifts can be mailed to NCOA/Operation Santa Claus, P.O. Box 2427, Fort Riley, KS 66442.

Volunteers interested in wrapping presents should contact Staff Sgt. Mark Felan, U.S. Army Garrison, at (785) 239-6944.

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Post officials, tribe reps renew agreement

Memorandum promises return of Native American cultural, funerary remains, artifacts

By J.D. Hardesty
Staff writer

Fort Riley and the Kaw and Pawnee Nations of Oklahoma renewed their Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act memorandum of agreement Nov. 9 during the post's observance of Native American Heritage Month.

The agreement provides for the return of all Native American cultural items, funerary and sacred objects discovered on the installation to lineal descendants or the culturally affiliated tribe.

Crystal Douglas, an archeologist representing the 2,700-plus members of the Kaw Nation of Oklahoma; Col. John A. Simpson, Fort Riley garrison commander; and George E. Howell, president of the nearly 3,000-member Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, signed the new agreement after the original document signed in 1999 hit its five-year sunset clause. The new agreement extends the NAGPRA partnership and details in advance how all remains and artifacts will be handled. It also eliminates a termination date for the agreement.

Herb Abel, director of the Conservation Division, Directorate of Environment and Safety at Fort Riley, said the post was the first military installation to enter into an NAGPRA agreement with an Indian tribe. The post has 12 known burial sites within its confines. Burial site locations are kept confidential "so the Kaw and Pawnee forefathers' spirits are undisturbed," he said.

Since President George H.W. Bush signed the NAGPRA into law in 1990, nearly 30,000 remains and 670,000 sacred



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Crystal Douglas (left), an archeologist for the Kaw Nation of Oklahoma, Col. John Simpson (center), garrison commander, and George Howell, president of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, sign a memorandum of agreement in support of the Native American Protection and Repatriation Act at Riley's Conference Center Nov. 8. The agreement guarantees the return of all Native American cultural items and sacred objects discovered on the installation to lineal descendants or the culturally affiliated tribe. The agreement was signed during Fort Riley's Native American Heritage Month Observance.

funerary or cultural objects have been returned to Native Americans or tribes.

"We had two repatriations under the last agreement," Abel said. "We want to get any burial items back to the tribes so the remains receive respectful treatment with cultural dignity. There is always a chance of uncovering Native American remains with military training and construction."

When the delegations of the two tribes arrived on post last week, their first request was to visit their ancestors' burial sites to pay their respects.

Douglas, who is not a member of the Kaw Nation headquartered in Kaw City, Okla., explained that Native American culture does not allow for them to touch the bones of their ancestors. "The remains

and artifacts are sacred and should not be disturbed," she said. "The nation hired someone who is not of Native American origin to handle repatriation issues."

"I can tell the difference between Pawnee and Kaw bones on sight," Douglas said. "The Pawnee painted their dead with red ochre which would stain the bones over time. The Kaw used to adorn their ancestors in copper jewelry and beads. The copper would leave a turquoise discoloration on the bones."

"We are very happy that Fort Riley has taken the opportunity to acknowledge the fact that these issues are important to the Kaw people," she said.

With decades of European

influence and expansion stripping away centuries of Native American traditions, the Army recognizes the importance of the Native Americans' cultural heritage and traditions.

"The Department of the Army has taken big steps to let us repatriate the remains of our ancestors," Howell said. "Our nation has a department that handles all of those issues and with this agreement, we can carry on our traditions."

The head of the Pawnee Nation said he felt humble by the sincerity everyone involved in developing this agreement exhibited.

"A big thank you to all of you servicing our country and protecting each and every one of us — all

of the 568 tribes throughout the United States — giving us the opportunity to carry on our ceremonies and traditions that we have had all of these years," Howell said.

"The agreement gives us the cultural recognition and dignity to take care of our ancestors," he said, "and we are grateful the Army recognizes the cultural importance to us."

"As the edge of the western frontier in the early 1800s, Fort Riley was where several worlds collided," Scott Hall, an archeologist who works for the Directorate of Environment and Safety, told the crowd of more than 100 attending the observance at Riley's Conference Center. "Fort Riley served as a place of commerce for settlers and Native Americans to trade."

Howell explained that U.S. Army Corps of Engineer projects and most governmental agencies excavate sites during construction and the Pawnee are looking to sign other agreements similar to Fort Riley's with other agencies.

The Kaw and the Pawnee have had a long and distinguished relationship with Fort Riley. The two tribes combined to field scout regiments during the mid- and late-1800s.

Fort Riley served as the border between the two tribes. The Kaw called the area between the Kansas and Missouri Rivers home and the Pawnee Nation's southeastern border ran along the Republican and Platte Rivers.

Other tribes in Kansas included the Osage, Kiowa, Cheyenne, Arapaho and Comanche. Indian

tribes that moved into Kansas with the European settlers' expansion in the east included the Potawatomi, Delaware, Wyandotte, Sac and Fox, Shawnee, Missouri, Miami, Ottawa, Peoria and others.

The need for an advance agreement was illustrated in 1996 when the remains of "the Ancient One" who has become known as the Kennewick Man was discovered on the banks of a Columbia River in Kennewick, Wash. The 9,300-year-old bones have been the subject of litigation between Native American tribesmen and anthropologists and scientists since its discovery.

In recent developments, a federal judge barred Northwest Indian tribes from participating further in the Kennewick Man lawsuit. The Umatilla, Yakama, Nez Perce and Colville tribes claimed they are entitled to the bones under the NAFPPRA and want to have them reburied without any scientific studies.

The bones are currently stored at the Burke Museum at the University of Washington in Seattle. Last month the coalition of tribes said they would withdraw its interests and would not take the issue to the U.S. Supreme Court.

According to Armand Minthorn, chairman of the NAGPRA review committee, "less than 10 percent of all remains have been repatriated in the past 10 years. NAGPRA provides a process for museums and federal agencies to return certain Native American cultural items to lineal descendants and culturally affiliated Indian tribes."



Ronnie Goodeagle, an elder of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, presents Diane Hardy, wife of Maj. Gen. Dennis E. Hardy, commanding general of the 24th Inf. Div. (Mech) and Fort Riley, with a beaded necklace to show his appreciation for the reception she hosted.

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Community news briefly

Thanksgiving service planned

"Celebrate and Give Thanks," the 2004 Fort Riley Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service, will be at 11:45 a.m. Nov. 24 in Kapaun Chapel, 7086 Normandy Drive.

Featured speakers will be Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commanding general of 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, and Chap. (Lt. Col.) Don German of 24th Inf. Div. (Mech).

Featured musical artists will be Lt. Col. Nick Sengstacke and the Protestant Women of the Chapel Worship Band, Staff Sgt. Richard and Maryann Handran and Audrey Ayers.

A free snack lunch will be served following the service. For more information, call 239-3359.

Commissary open on holiday

Nov. 22 - Open Monday normal hours

Nov. 25 - Closed for Thanksgiving

Dec. 20 - Open Monday normal hours

Dec. 24 - Open 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dec. 25 - Closed for the holiday

Dec. 26 - Open normal hours

Jan. 1 - Closed for the holiday

PX facilities open Nov. 25

For customers' convenience, the AAFES facilities' operating hours on Thanksgiving Day will be:

Main Store - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Custer Hill Shopette - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Forsyth Shopette - open 24 hours

Car club plans meeting

Nov. 21 - 5:30 to 7 p.m., Fort Riley Automotive Skills Center Car Club Redeployment Meeting

For more information, call the Automotive Skills Center at 239-9764.

Spouses' clubs host crafts fair

The Fort Riley Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club and Enlisted Spouses' Club are organizing a Christmas craft fair in Hangar 817 at Marshall Army Air Field from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 20.

Money raised from the fair will be contributed to the Fort Riley Combined Scholarship Fund.

About 50 vendors have signed up to sell items. Fort Riley private organizations and informal fund activities will sell food and beverages. Admission is \$1 for people 12 and older. Children under 12 get in free.



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First Sgt. Dawn Rippelmeyer of the Fort Riley Provost Marshal's Office reads "My Father's Dragon" during the Book It! reading program at Fort Riley Middle School Nov. 9

13 guests read, talk to students

Program pushes involvement

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

Fort Riley Middle School sixth-graders saw some of their heroes in a different light Nov. 9. They weren't fighting wars or fires or scoring touchdowns - they were reading during the school's Book It! reading program's observance of National Young Reader's Day.

"It's all about involvement to get kids to read," said Karin Glosenger, sixth-grade language arts teacher.

Thirteen speakers from a variety of career fields shared their favorite stories and answered questions about their careers. Speakers included Fort Riley Soldiers, representatives from the Junction City Police and Fire Departments, Junction City High School student athletes, a farmer, an author and the superintendent of Geary County Unified School District 475.

First Sgt. Dawn Rippelmeyer of the 924th Military Police Battalion works in the post Provost Marshal's Office. She read one of her favorite books, "My Father's Dragon," to students.

"My big brother read it to me all the time when I was little," she said.

said. "If a book's got a dragon in it, even though I'm all grown up, I still like to read it."

The biggest benefit to reading is being able to use your imagination, Rippelmeyer said.

"We know that there are no dragons or animals that can talk, but it's still fun to read about it and imagine if there were," she said. "Wouldn't it be cool to fly on a dragon? You can't really do it, but you can imagine what it would be like, and you can do that through books. And even as you get older, it's still fun to do that."

High school senior and football player Mardy Floberg shared one of his favorite short stories, "Vampire Breath," from R.L. Stein's "The Goosebumps" series. Reading is a big part of his everyday life, Floberg said.

"Whether it's reading books, or homework assignments, or even football scouting reports ... even as a high school senior, I'm still reading every day of my life," he said.

The reading day event was a success, Glosenger said.

"I think it turned out really well. Everybody chipped in to help. It was just really awesome," she said.

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Deadlines approach for holiday mailing

By Steven Field
Army News Service

WASHINGTON - 'Tis the season to be giving, but people sending holiday cards and packages to Soldiers serving overseas should send them early and follow the rules for mail distribution, said a military postal official.

"To ensure delivery to military [Army Post Office/Fleet Post Office] addresses overseas and to international addresses, we suggest mail be sent by the recommended dates provided by the U.S. Postal service," said Mark DeDomenic, the assistant deputy director and chief of operations for the Military Postal Service Agency.

Postal workers throughout the world process an incredible amount of mail.

The Fort Lewis-based Task Force Olympia in Iraq alone receives 11,000 pounds of mail and collects 6,000 pounds of mail to send to the United States, said Spc. Daniel Frost, a mail clerk from the 747th Postal Company. And these numbers don't take into account increased mail traffic during the holiday season.

Mail-by dates vary by the delivery location and method of delivery, ranging from Dec. 6 to 17 for first class mail and Dec. 11 to 17 for priority mail.

Mail shipped now by parcel post to military addresses overseas will not reach their destinations by Christmas. The last postal service deadline to mail parcel post overseas was Nov. 13.

To ensure timely delivery, senders should include the full name of the Soldier they are sending mail to (with or without rank designation), the unit address, the APO address, the nine-digit zip code and a return address, postal officials advise.

Also, the U.S. Postal Service is offering free packing materials to spouses and family members of Soldiers serving overseas.

USPS will send free boxes, packing materials, tape and mailing labels for care packages to be

sent to Soldiers in Iraq.

To take advantage of this service, call (800) 610-8734 and press one for English or two for Spanish, then press three to reach an operator.

When sending packages, postal officials advise that the following should be considered to ensure delivery to their intended recipients:

- The ban on packages sent to "Any Servicemember" is still in effect, according to Department of Defense officials. To protect the safety of troops in combat areas, their addresses should not be published.

- Only relatives and friends of Soldiers in the Central Command Theater that received an address personally, should send packages. Americans who do not have loved ones overseas can find other ways to support American Soldiers at www.defendamerica.mil by clicking on the "Support Our Troops" link on the left side of the page.

- Packages mailed in boxes that have markings related to any type of hazardous material, including bleach, alcohol and cleaning fluids, will be handled as non-mailable matter, according to the U.S. Postal Service.

- Soldiers serving in the Central Command area of operation (including Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan and the Horn of Africa) cannot receive:

- Pork and pork by-products;
- Alcoholic beverages;
- Any matter depicting nude or semi-nude persons;
- Obscene articles; pornographic materials; or unauthorized items.

Personal religious items may be delivered, but religious materials contrary to the Islamic faith are not permitted in bulk quantities.

Receiving packages, especially during the holidays, is great for Soldier morale, said Staff Sgt. Tony Edwards, Civil Affairs non-commissioned-officer-in-charge for Task Force Olympia in northern Iraq.

Mail deadlines

The following shipping dates are recommended in order for mail to reach servicemembers by Christmas.

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To APO AA Zips 340
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Sports news in brief

Watch K-State basketball free

Tickets are free for Soldiers and family members for the Nov. 19 Kansas State University men's and women's basketball games.

The women tip off at 6 p.m. against Wyoming. The men's game follows at 8:30 p.m. against North Dakota State University.

For tickets, stop by the Information, Ticketing and Registration office across the parking lot from the Main Post Exchange.

For more information, call ITR at 239-5614.

Center hosts turkey bowl

On Nov. 20, patrons of Custer Hill Bowling Center can join all their friends from 8 to 10 p.m. at the center to possibly win a turkey for Thanksgiving dinner. Anyone who gets a red pin strike wins a turkey provided by the post commissary.

DI Big Daddy will be mixing up the tunes while bowlers aim for a free turkey.

FRMS wrestlers win medals

The Fort Riley Middle School wrestling team competed in the "Little Apple Grapple" wrestling tournament at Manhattan High School Nov. 6. Twenty-two teams competed and no team score was kept.

Fort Riley wrestlers Jason Chun, Lance Harlow and Armoogen Walker were bracket champions, earning first places and gold medals.

Larry Mitchell placed second and earned a silver medal.

Jerry Jordan's third place earned him a bronze medal.

Sammy Quintas and Jonathon Spurlock finished 4th in their brackets.

Outdoor writers set auction

Items for the angler, hunter, camper and collector will be offered during the Kansas Outdoor Writers Fall Conference public auction at 7 p.m. Nov. 22 at the Geary County Convention Center in Junction City.

The auction is used as a fund-raiser to send youth to outdoor camps.

Items at the auction include fishing, hunting, camping gear and outdoor artwork.

For more information, call 238-2885 or (800) 528-2489.

Post wrestling tourney slated

The 2004 Fort Riley Post Wrestling Tournament will be Jan. 10-12 at King Field House. Competition starts at 6 p.m. nightly. A battalion may organize one men's team and one women's team, each consisting of 10 wrestlers.

For more information, call Barry Sunstrom at 239-3945.

Golf classes available

Custer Hill Golf Course will sponsor winter strengthening classes for golfers who are interested. For information, call 239-2544 and leave a message.

November course hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays and noon to 5:30 p.m. Mondays.

Schumacher sets season record

Army's Top Fueler in running for Speed Channel's Driver of Year honors

By Chris Dorato
Army News Service

POMONA, Calif. — U.S. Army Top Fuel driver Tony "The Sarge" Schumacher captured the Auto Club of Southern California Finals Nov. 14 at Pomona Race-

way and in the process set the Top Fuel single-season win record.

In Pomona's Pro Stock Bike final, the Army's Angelle Savio took first place, beating teammate Antron Brown who came in second.

Schumacher, who came into the season finale having already

clinched the 2004 NHRA POW-ERade Top Fuel world championship, was looking to set the new mark for most Top Fuel wins in a single season: 10. He did. He's now in the running for Speed Channel's Driver of the Year award for the fourth quarter.

Fans can vote for Schumacher

at www.speedtv.com

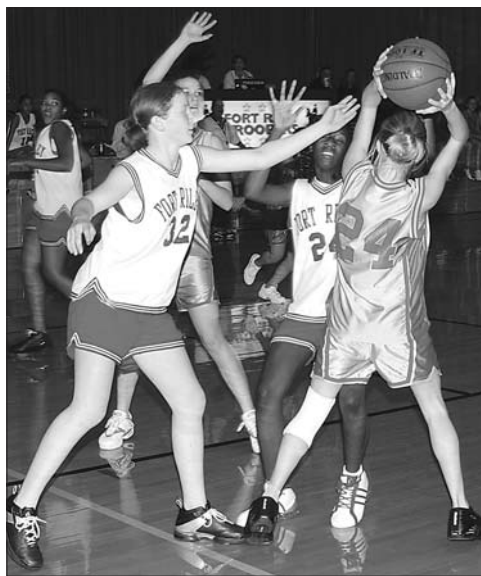
Other nominated drivers include NASCAR's Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Jimmie Johnson, along with Sebastian Bourdais of Champ Cars and Tony Kanaan of the Indy Racing League.

The award for this quarter will be determined by an 18-member

panel of blue-ribbon auto racing journalists and one vote based on the cumulative tally of fans' voting, said Barry Schmoeyer of the Speed Channel.

The panelists will have their quarterly vote Nov. 24, and Schmoeyer said the fan vote would close soon after.

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Fort Riley's Kayla Soper (32) and Taylor Berry (24) apply defensive pressure against Abilene's Stephanie Westfall (with ball) during the Troopers' 48-8 defeat Nov. 9.



Trooper Tiyanna Simon (44) tries to dribble around Abilene defender Stephanie Westfall Nov. 9. Kimberlyn Phelps (52) prepares to set a screen on Westfall to give Simon room to shoot against the Longhorns' stingy defense.

Longhorns trample Troopers

By J.D. Hardesty
Staff writer

Fort Riley Middle School seventh-grade girls basketball teams were dominated by Abilene Middle School as the A team was pounded 48-8 and the B squad was beaten 25-11 on the Troopers' court Nov. 9.

The Troopers' instructional team lost two games to Abilene, 30-1 and 12-9.

A team loses 48-1

Abilene Middle School's Kayla Womochil scored a game-high 12 points and George Wilson added 11 as the Longhorns routed the Troopers 48-8 in A team basketball action. Nine Longhorns scored at least two points in the contest.

Leading 23-2 to start the second half, Womochil scored eight points and Wilson added six points in the third quarter as the Longhorns extended the lead to 40-2.

Samantha Hernandez led the Troopers with four points and Christina Valentin and Taylor Berry tossed in a bucket apiece for Fort Riley. Six of the Troopers' points came in the fourth quarter with the game well out of reach.

Micah Sample and Maddie Sexton tossed in six points apiece for the Longhorns.

B team loses 25-11

In seventh-grade B team action, Abilene's Kristen Gay and Katie Bronson combined for 12 points, scoring six points apiece, to lead the Longhorns to a 25-11 victory over Fort Riley Middle School.

Leading 6-5 at halftime, five Longhorn players scored in the third quarter as Abilene outscored the Troopers 9-3 to take a 15-8 lead to start the fourth quarter.

Victoria Hill led Fort Riley with five points and Kawehilani Maio added three points for the Troopers in the loss.

Cheyenne Schlaack netted two points and Paige Jones hit one of two free throws to account for Fort Riley's scoring.

Shymesia Stubbs hit the Troopers' lone point in the first instructional game against Abilene players.

Kelsey Jones, Kristen Hatfield and Danielle Shambort led the Longhorns with eight points each.

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White Sands to host Bataan march memorial

By Monte Martin
White Sands Missile Range

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, N.M. — The 2005 Bataan Memorial Death March takes place March 20 at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

The memorial march recognizes the sacrifices made by thousands of U.S. and Filipino servicemen overwhelmed by the Japanese in the Philippine Islands during World War II.

Bataan Memorial Death March

information and registration is available at www.bataanmarch.com. March organizers limit the number of entries to 4,000 marchers.

The 26.2-mile march starts on the Army installation's main post, crosses hilly terrain, winds around a small mountain and returns to the finish line through sandy desert trails and washes. The elevation varies from about 4,100 feet to 5,300 feet. While it extends a normal marathon length, the memorial march is not a sanc-

tioned marathon.

The event is open to active duty, reserve, National Guard, ROTC, JROTC or retired military and civilian teams and individuals in heavy or light competition divisions.

Military personnel marching in any military category must wear full field gear.

Civilian marchers in any category should wear attire appropriate for a road march through desert terrain. All marchers entered in heavy division cate-

gories must carry a 35-pound rucksack.

Teams must consist of five people. All five marchers must cross the finish line together.

Military team categories are: Male Military Light Team, Male Military Heavy Team, Female Military Light Team, Female Military Heavy Team, Co-ed Military Light Team, Co-ed Military Heavy Team, National Guard Light Team, National Guard Heavy Team, ROTC Light Team, ROTC Heavy Team and JROTC

Light Team.

Individual military categories are: Male Military Light, Male Military Over 40 Light, Male Military Heavy, Female Military Light, Female Military Over 40 Light and Female Military Heavy. Cost is \$40 for individuals and \$150 for a five-person team.

Deadlines are Feb. 19 for entry forms received by mail, Feb. 25 for entry forms received via fax and March 10 for on-line registration. For information, call (505) 678-1256 or (505) 678-1134.

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Custer Hill Lanes Bowling Results

(As of Nov. 2)

Friday Night Mixed League			Officers' Wives' Club League		
Team	Points Won	Points Lost	Team	Points Won	Points Lost
Red Dog Express	26.0	10.0	Bowldacious Babes	22.0	10.0
OSIMA	23.0	13.0	Queen Pins	20.0	12.0
Team On A Mission	22.0	14.0	Babes With Balls	20.0	12.0
Stella's Angels	22.0	14.0	The Hot Flashes	18.0	14.0
TGIF	21.0	15.0	Granmas On A Roll	17.0	15.0
SE Strike Force	18.0	18.0	Vacant Team	12.0	20.0
Team 5	17.0	19.0	Strike Force	10.0	22.0
Team 9	15.0	21.0	Spare Balls	5.0	27.0
Crazy Eights	14.0	22.0	High Game Handicap-To Date	Score	
Only On Fridays	13.0	23.0	Strike Force	663	
Survivors	12.0	24.0	The Hot Flashes	637	
Team 6	12.0	24.0	High Series Handicap-To Date	Score	
Team 13	2.5	1.5	Bowldacious Babes	1,773	
Team 14	1.2	2.5	Queen Pins	1,727	
High Game Handicap-To Date		Score			
TGIF		946			
SE Strike Force		884			
High Series Handicap-To Date		Score			
OSIMA		2,521			
Team On A Mission		2,469			

NOTE: Custer Hill Lanes submits standings to the Fort Riley Post. Teams earn a point for each game won plus one point is awarded to the team with the most pins in the three-game match. Teams receive a point lost for each game lost in a match.

K-State (4-6, 2-5) vs.

Iowa State (5-4, 3-3)

When: Nov. 19
Kickoff: 11 a.m.
Tickets: Call 1-800-221-CATS for ticketing information.

TV: Fox Sports Net
Radio: Mid America Sports Network, 29 affiliate stations; Junction City on 1420 AM, 102.5 FM; Manhattan on 1350 AM, 101.5 FM, 102.5 FM
Internet: www.k-states-sports.com. Click the "Live" button at the top of the page and mouse down to "Live Football."

K-State lost 38-31 last week at Colorado. The loss eliminated the Wildcats from bowl contention for the first time in 12 seasons. Iowa State was idle last week after defeating Nebraska, 35-27. The Cyclones are looking to become bowl eligible and remain a contender for at least a share of their first ever Big 12 North Division title. Iowa State leads the all-time series by a 46-37 margin. K-State has won 10 in a row over the Cyclones and has not lost to ISU since the 1993 season.

Check out the Nov. 24 Post for results of the pre-season basketball tournament.

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Bobsled

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Holcomb and Stoddard again had the fastest pushes Sunday: 5.12 and 5.13. They took second place with a combined 1:55.71 clocking. Bradley, a member of the U.S. Air Force World Class Athlete Program driving on what he's considered his "home course" since age 8, overcame the eighth-fastest starts to finish third Sunday with a cumulative time of 1:57.50. Olympic silver medalist Todd Hays of Del Rio, Texas, did not compete after being named to the World Cup Team as a discretionary pick.

Holcomb, Kohn and Bradley were scheduled to drive again Nov. 13 and 14 in the 2005 Verizon 4-man Bobsled National Team Trials at Lake Placid. First Lt. Lorenzo Smith, another member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program, will be a pusher.

Troopers

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Four Troopers scored in the second instructional game, but it wasn't enough as the Longhorns' Samantha Murphy scored all of her game-high five points in the second half to lead Abilene past the Troopers 12-9. Deborah Ybarra, Lureya Drew, Mikela Brown and Kalina Harris made a field goal apiece and Mandy Hollis hit a free throw to account for the Troopers' scoring. Elizabeth Zey add two points and Bonnie McKee tossed in four points for the Longhorns.

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Travel & Fun in Kansas

Leisuretime ideas

Crafts classes:

Nov. 20 - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 3D buildings in glass
Nov. 21 - 1 to 4:30 p.m., scrapbooking get-together
Nov. 22 - 6:15 to 8:45 p.m., beginning sewing
Nov. 22 - 6:30 p.m., advanced matting and framing
Nov. 23 - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., wood class project (cedar chest)
Nov. 23 - 6 to 9 p.m., Introduction to matting and framing
For more information, call the Arts and Crafts Center at 239-9205.

At the movies:

The Barlow Post Theater Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Shows begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for Children 5 to 11 years old and free for children under age 5, except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

Nov. 19 - Friday Night Lights (PG-13)

Nov. 20 - Shark Tale (PG)

Nov. 21 - Taxi (PG-13)

Nov. 22 - Cheaper by the Dozen (PG). Free movie for Military Family Appreciation Week

For more information, call 784-2226 or 784-2640.

Kansas City:

What: The Information, Ticketing and Registration office at Fort Riley is organizing a holiday shopping and sightseeing tour to Kansas City. Bus transportation provided. Enjoy a dinner theater performance of "The Foreigner" and an overnight stay in Overland

Park.

When: Dec. 4-5
Cost: \$50 deposit, total cost of \$100 includes round-trip transportation, one night hotel accommodations in Overland Park, dinner theater ticket and meal, continental breakfast Dec. 5.
Phone: 239-5614.

Abilene:

What: Christmas in the Depot. Spectacular Christmas lighting of Historic Union Pacific Depot and 22-foot themed Christmas tree. Pageantry, fireworks, cartoon characters, and Santa.
When: 6 p.m. Nov. 20
Where: 201 NW 2nd, Union Pacific Depot
Phone: (785) 263-2231 and (800) 569-5915
Admission: Free

Beloit:

What: Isle of Lights. Illuminated action and still displays donated by local businesses and individuals to represent a Noel theme.
When: 6 to 10 p.m. through Dec. 30
Where: Chautauqua Park
Phone: (785) 738-3338
Admission: Free

Kechi:

What: Antique Country Christmas. Enjoy the holiday season and stroll through time in Kechi's antique and specialty shops. Tour Karg Art Glass.
When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 20
Where: Downtown
Phone: (316) 744-1337
Admission: Free

Crime gets some laughs

High school thespians present play

By Gail Parsons
The Daily Union

Death and humor take center stage Nov. 26 and 27 when Junction City High School presents "No Crime Like the Present" by William Gleason.

When Cassandra Dumont falls over dead, the humor and the search for her killer comes alive.

"You'll suspect a lot of different people, but the end is surprising," said Samantha Rigsby.

Rigsby plays Mavis Davis, the private eye that Luther Preston, played by Taylor Marsh, hires to clear his name.

Sophomore student Rigsby is fairly new to the JCHS stage. She performed in the spring musical last year and loves being in front of an audience.

"The way she moves, the way she talks, she has a natural stage presence," said drama instructor Brian Hagemester, explaining why he cast her in one of the larger roles.

Though it is a larger role, Rigsby said she has learned a lot from the older students.

"I am about the only inexperienced one in the play," she said.

Her inexperience is hardly noticeable when she gets on stage and falls into character as a detective.

One of the actors she plays beside is Marsh, who has several years of experience on the JCHS stage. This production finds him filling the largest role in his high



The Daily Union/Gail Parsons

Mavis Davis, played by Samantha Rigsby, questions murder suspect Luther Preston, played by Taylor Marsh, during play practice Nov. 10 at Junction City High School. "No Crime Like the Present" opens Nov. 19 in Settles Auditorium at the school

school career.

Large role or small, Marsh said he likes being on the stage.

"I like all the people here. It's kind of nice to be famous for two nights," he said.

His three years of experience and growth were some of the reasons Hagemester said he cast Marsh in the role of Luther Preston.

"He is a veteran and he fit the

part of Luther real well," Hagemester said.

"When he started, he was very two dimensional in his acting. It is a big challenge to get a person to act with their entire body," Hagemester said.

Over the years, however, Marsh has learned to separate himself from his role and put his all into his acting.

If you go:

Where: Settles Auditorium, JCHS

When: 7:30 p.m. Nov. 26 and 27

Cost: \$3 per person

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